

Film theatre constructed by National Film Archives of India

3034. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Film Theatre constructed by the National Film Archives of India at Pune, Maharashtra, is not being used for the last six months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to inaugurate the theatre ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) The film theatre constructed for National Film Archives of India at Pune, which is not yet ready, is still to be taken over by National Film Archives of India. The projector to be imported and procured through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals has not yet arrived. The work relating to A/C Plant, seating arrangements etc., is in final stages. The matter is receiving constant attention of the authorities concerned.

Decentralisation of system of registration of newspapers

3035. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to decentralise the system of registration of newspapers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three regional offices of the Registrar of Newspapers for India have been set up at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. One of the functions assigned to them is to process the applications for certificate of Registration.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Pesticides

3036. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been shortage of pesticides in the country:

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to meet the shortages by raising indigenous production:

(c) the extent to which it affects the farmers; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up some more petrochemical units in the rural areas of the country to meet the pesticide shortage and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) The Government are continuously monitoring production and availability of pesticides and taking steps like additional licencing, better availability of raw materials, etc., for enhanced production of pesticides. In order to ensure timely and adequate supplies of pesticides, Deptt. of Agriculture & Coop. convenes meeting with States/

11. Ts. In the event of short supplies of any pesticides, concerned manufacturers are advised to ensure supplies of those items to the concerned States to overcome the problem.

(d) Setting up of petrochemical units in the country is an ongoing process and such proposals are recommended based on techno-economic considerations.

Members of UPSC

3037. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per convention the members of Union Public Service Commission should be more than 50 per cent from among the retired IAS Officers:

(b) if so, whether there are more than 50 per cent members from among the retired IAS Officers in the present Union Public Service Commission body, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to continue the old practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) According to the proviso to Article 316(1) of the Constitution, as nearly as may be one-half of the Members of the Union Public Service Commission shall be persons who at the dates of their respective appointments have held office for at least ten years either under the Government of India or under the Government of a State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This provision of the Constitution will be kept in view while making appointment of Members of the Union Public Service Commission.

Reservation for SCs/STs in Promotion in States

3038. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that some of the States have done away with the reservations for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in promotion in State Government services; and

(b) if so, the names of those States and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) The details of the policy of reservation in promotion for the SCs and STs in services under the various State Governments is decided by the respective State Governments themselves without consultation/concurrence of the Central Government. As such the Central Government neither collects information in this regard nor has any say in the matter.

Earnings by Manufacturers of Pesticides

3039. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total percentage of import of ingredients with value and quantity by the top 25 pesticide manufacturers for the last three years, year-wise and company-wise :